

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: APPEALS COURT REDUCES SENTENCES OF RUMOR MONGERS IN  
EM-9 TRIAL

REF: SEOUL 1464 AND PREVIOUS

1. ON JUNE 1, APPEALS COURT REDUCED SENTENCES OF EIGHT MINOR POLITICAL FIGURES TO TERMS RANGING FROM TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS TO ONE YEAR IMPRISONMENT. IN FEBRUARY DISTRICT COURT HAD IMPOSED TERMS RANGING FROM FOUR TO TWO YEARS (SEE REFTEL).
2. THE ACCUSED HAD BEEN CHARGED WITH VIOLATING EM-9 BY SPREADING FALSE RUMORS. PROSECUTION OF SUCH MINOR AND MISCELLANEOUS EM-9 VIOLATIONS HAS BECOME LESS COMMON IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS. THIS CASE HAS BEEN VIEWED BY A NUMBER OF OBSERVERS AS AN OBJECT LESSON FOR THOSE DISSIDENTS WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN TEMPTED TO DEMONSTRATE DURING THE TENSE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL. APPEALS COURT DECISION TEMPERED DISTRICT COURT PUNISHMENT CONSIDERABLY BUT TERMS AWARDED STILL IN RANGE TO CONVEY MESSAGE THAT VIOLATION OF EM-9 CAN BRING SIGNIFICANT RISK.  
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